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TRANSCRIPT OF BROADCAST

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Portions of this broadcast were omitted due to the fact that they did not pertain to the Crusade for Freedom story or were in any-way connected with CIA.

There are one or two little items about the Crusade for Freedom which I have not had time in my broadcast thus far to cover, and, in the interest of orderly procedure in this story, probably it is best to get them out of the way before we go on to the actual Radio Free Europe and its operations. The Crusade for Freedom, with all of its fancy big names sponsorship, not only collects voluntary contributions of truth dollars from the general public under the guise of fighting Communism with truth, as they say, and "sending the message of freedom behind the iron curtain," but it also puts the squeeze on all government employees and all personnel of the armed forces. Every year, over the signature of President Eisenhower himself, a written appeal goes out from the White House. There is one special assistant who devotes his full time to this for contributions to what is called the National Health and Welfare campaign, the next one of which will begin on the 1st of January. All government employees are solicited, and the list of organizations among which the proceeds are to be divided, is an opposing array of the most worthy medical and charitable foundations in the nation, such things as the American Cancer society, American Heart Association, Arthritis and Rheumatism Foundation, Muscular Dystrophy Association of America and so on. The finest charities imaginable, but then, down at the very bottom of the list appears, Crusade for Freedom.

Just what the Crusade for Freedom has to do with charity, health, or welfare is not clear but it gets a share of these collections that are made among government employees and armed services personnel every year nevertheless. Representations are made that contributions to this campaign are on a completely voluntary basis and that the donor may earmark his contribution to a particular charity or charities. Technically this is true but actually no government employee who wants to remain in good standing is going to systematically refuse to contribute to this campaign unless there is some extremely pressing reason, so in effect every government employee and every member of the armed services gets shaken down every year for contributions to help support the Crusade for Freedom and the fantastic operation of the Radio Free Europe, which it supports.

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Incidentally, I received a telephone call today from Mayor George Christopher of San Francisco, who was one of those on the list I read to you last Monday as being on the passenger list for the latest free trip by the crusade to Munich and Paris this past October. The crusade says there were 57 people on that trip, and that the purpose of the trip is to provide various leaders of public opinion with an opportunity to view and inspect the operation, and that it sponsors such a trip for about 60 individuals every year. They even charter a transatlantic plane to conduct the junket. Mayor Christopher said he was invited to go along on the junket this year but that he did not feel it was proper or permissible for him to accept such an emolument from an organization of this kind, particularly in view of the public office he holds. However, he already had setup a trip for himself at his own expense to Greece, and inasmuch as he was going to go there by way of the Arctic route, he arranged to stop off at Munich on the way and timed his stop as closely as possible to coincide with the junket. He said it wasn't much of an inspection, the Free Europe officials gave a few talks on what the operation was trying to do and claimed to be accomplishing, but that he was not able to check on what they said or what was being broadcast or even on the people who were doing the broadcasting.

The official party went to Berlin, for example, and for your information there isn't even any Free Europe installation in Berlin. Mayor Christopher said he accepted no emolument of any kind from the junket, paid his own way in all of his expenses, which information I'm more than happy to pass on to you with the reminder that when I included Mayor Christopher's name I was merely quoting from a document which the Crusade itself printed and put out.

Until I began this series after all they were very proud of this annual junket and thought it was great stuff. Which I guess brings us finally around to the Free Europe committee itself, which gets the money that is collected after these expenses of one kind or another are deducted and I hope you'll keep in mind all the time from here on that neither the Crusade nor the Free Europe operation makes any public accounting of funds which it collects or any accounting of the way that they spend those funds. They are tax-free operations but you the public are not permitted to know anything about the books or the finances, how your money, your contributions are being spent. I know a lot because I have sources within the organization who are outraged at what they see going on and are involved in and are able to supply me with almost any thing I need, but the organizations themselves will give out no information whatsoever on how your money is spent.

Now about Radio Free Europe, it's principle operations at the present time, principle functions, and for some months past, some years past, is the operation of two radio stations, one at Munich, and one at Lisbon, Portugal, both of them short-wave stations with the finest of equipment and very extensive and expensive installations. You probably have no first-hand experience in the management of a radio station, thus you would not have any minute and specific information on what is required to operate such a radio station. But in a practical way, you probably have seen one of the local radio stations in your community. You probably do have a reasonable idea of how many people work there. I know of some radio stations that are operated by a husband and wife alone, though ordinarily the staff of course would be some larger than that. In the case of Radio Free Europe operation, however, just remember that there is no advertising department because Radio Free Europe does not take advertising, so there are no advertising salesmen, no advertising accounts to be kept, no promotion necessary for prospective advertising clients, and all this is a great relief to the operation in terms of necessary manpower.

In any event, knowing what you do know, you can make your own reasonable guess as to how many employees you think would be required to operate these two radio stations for a period of 20 hours a day. I don't believe they're operating at the present time for as long a period as that, but let's be generous about it and let's also be generous about your guess as to how many employees you think should be needed to operate these two radio stations. Now do you know how many really are employed there at Munich and in Lisbon, drawing salaries that are paid for out of the contributions that are coaxed from you the public and out of the armed services and you who are in government jobs of one kind or another? Well, hold your hats ladies and gentlemen, would you say that 50 would be a reasonable number? A hundred maybe, maybe more than a hundred? Well, the answer is more than 2,000. This is not my count, these are the official figures of Radio Free Europe itself, given to me on request by them, more than 2,000 people to operate these two radio stations. There are 1,200 in Munich itself, there are 400 at Lisbon, there are 200 plus who are listed as elsewhere, and there are 200 in the New York office of Radio Free Europe itself. That adds up to 2,000 plus and this is for Radio Free Europe alone. It does not include some 136 employees in an affiliated operation, the balloon propaganda program, more than 2,000 employees for Radio Free Europe alone to operate two short-wave radio stations. Now after this next break I hope you'll have a paper and pencil handy because I need your help on this story and I'll have a very important request to make.

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Just a minute ladies and gentlemen, I want you to take down a name for me. There is one former officer in the army medical corps who plays a very important part in the sidelight angle of this Radio Free Europe story, and various forces seem to be busily at work to try to prevent me from locating the gentleman. This man is a former lieutenant colonel in the army medical corps, he's a psychiatrist who was stationed in Munich Germany beginning in July of 1956, who resigned his commission from the regular army, not retired, but resigned his commission in the regular army on September 2 of this year, still in Munich. I know, however, that he has returned to the United States and that he is 34 years old, a graduate of Cornell University, and born in New Rochelle, New York. I personally and members of my staff have been trying to locate his present whereabouts for more than four weeks. I inquired officially through army public information channels and was informed that they do not know. They say that they are trying to find out. We tried every conceivable back door route and unofficial contact in the army, had a blank wall at every turn. One of my associates who knows an army doctor at Walter Reed Hospital inquired whether he knew the individual in point. The reply was that he did, he knew where the individual is located, but would not tell. We tried the American Medical Association and the American Psychiatric Association working with the Pentagon. We found ourselves after the first week being referred back to the same offices we had already been through to get where we were.

But road blocks are never so good that they can't be broken, and with your help I think we can break this one. This man is somewhere in the United States. He has to live somewhere, and this program goes to almost every spot in the nation, so if you'll just be on the lookout for this doctor, this psychiatrist, I'm very sure we can turn him up. His name is Ralph William Clemments, serial number 057411. Lt. Col. who resigned his commission in September and was in Munich, Germany, for the previous year. That name is Ralph William Clemments, and it is spelled, the spelling is peculiar, it's spelled with two m's instead of the usual one. If you locate him, please write to me and let me know. I'll have more news for you now in just one minute.

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